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## UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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EV333518706US (Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)) Express Mail Label No. Mail Stop Patent Application APPLICATION ELEMENTS **Commissioner for Patents** ADDRESS TO: P.O. Box 1450 See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents. Alexandria VA 22313-1450 1. 🛛 Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17) 7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or (Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing) Computer Program (Appendix) 2. Applicant claims small entity status. 8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission See 37 CFR 1.27. (if applicable, all necessary) з. 🖂 Specification [Total Pages 47 ] a. Computer Readable Form (CRF) (preferred arrangement set forth below) b. Specification Sequence Listing on: - Descriptive title of the Invention CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or - Cross Reference to Related Applications ii. 🗌 Paper - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D c. Statements verifying identity of above copies - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix **ACCOMPANYING APPLICATIONS PARTS** - Background of the Invention Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s)) - Brief Summary of the Invention - Brief Description of the Drawings ( if filed) 10. ☐ Power of 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b) Statement - Detailed Description (when there is an assignee) Attorney - Claim(s) - Abstract of the Disclosure 11. 🔲 English Translation Document (if applicable) 4. 🔯 12. 🔲 Copies of IDS Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C.113) Information Disclosure [Total Sheets 4] Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations 5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets 13. 🔲 **Preliminary Amendment** a. Newly executed (original or copy) 14. 🛛 Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP. 503) b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d)) (Should be specifically itemized) (for a continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed) 15. 🔲 Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) i. DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) (if foreign priority is claimed) Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) 16. 🔯 Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 named in the prior application, see 37 CFR (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b). or its equivalent. 6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76 Other: 18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76: ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No: ☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional Prior application information: Examiner For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disciosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts. 19. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS 40400 □ Customer Number OR 🗆 Correspondence address below Name Address City State Zip Code Country Telephone Fax Name (Print/Type) Michael J. Turton Flegistration No. (Attorney/Agent) 40.852

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